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## MEDIA RELEASE

June 1, 1987

### UM NAMES NEW DEAN OF SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

#### MISSOULA --

University of Montana Provost and Academic Vice President Donald Habbe announced today that James D. Kriley will be the new dean of UM's School of Fine Arts.

Kriley became acting dean of the School of Fine Arts in June 1986, when Dean Kathryn Martin left UM to become dean of the School of Fine and Performing Arts at Wayne State University in Detroit.

A member of UM's drama/dance faculty since 1976, Kriley was assistant dean of the School of Fine Arts from 1984 to 1986 and chairman of the Department of Drama/Dance from 1976 to 1985.

As executive artistic director of the Montana Repertory Theatre from 1977 to 1985, Kriley directed MRT productions such as "Harvest," "Crimes of the Heart," "I Do, I Do" and "A Lion in Winter."

Kriley, who founded UM's Riverfront Summer Theatre and directed it from 1979 to 1985, was the director of theater at Emporia State University in Kansas from 1972 to 1976 and the head of Seattle Community College's drama program from 1966 to 1969.

He has also taught drama at Seattle University and Chicago's Loyola University.

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In 1971 Kriley earned his doctorate in theater at the University of Utah, in 1968 his master's degree in drama at the University of Washington, and in 1965 his bachelor's degree in drama at Seattle University.

His appointment is subject to approval by the state Board of Regents.

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